

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Curing in place allows compliant pressure intensifiers 18 to force the flexible uncured woven pre-form 14 against adjacent sub-assemblies 12 thus conforming to severe contours and angles. Additionally, the compliant pressure intensifiers 18 can be inexpensively manufactured as exact fit is not required since the uncured pre-forms 14 can conform to the sub-assemblies 12. Each pressure intensifier 18 is a three-sided polygon in the cross-section shown in Figure 4, defining a triangular configuration. Each pressure intensifier 18 has a straight base side 19 that contacts base 13. A straight leg side 21 contacts the exterior surface of pre-form leg 15. An exterior side 23 joins the edges of base side 19 and leg side 21. ~~A plane that is normal to exterior side 23 equally bisects the corner formed by leg side 21 and base side 19. When positioned adjacent pre-form 14 prior to curing, the plane that is normal to exterior side 23 also equally bisects a corner formed by base 13 or base 19 and one of the legs 15. In the embodiment of Figure 4, base side 19 and leg side 21 are 90° relative to each other and of equal lengths.~~ Exterior side 23 is preferably concave.

The leg sides 21 of each pressure intensifier 18 are longer than pre-form legs 15, as shown in Figure 4. The base side 19 of each pressure intensifier 18 is longer than each portion of base 13 of each pre-form 14 extending from one of the pre-form legs 15 to one of the ends of base 13. Because each base side 19 and each leg side 21 is a straight surface in a single plane and each tapered end section 17 tapers in thickness, a clearance will exist between each tapered end section 17 and each pressure intensifier 18 prior to evacuating vacuum bag 26.